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narrow group of communities or schools that at some point it hardly seems worth a great debate, if we're only going to have 10 or 11 schools that might even qualify. I will also remind you that that requirement, that number has to be there two years, two consecutive years. So, I offer this amendment to I have talked with Senator Schrock. I think he is more comfortable with 60. I think Senator Bohlke said that she would think 60 made sense, and offer this as a first state. appreciate Senator Schrock's statements about let's be more conservative than liberal on this issue. And if we can begin with school districts of less than 60, 9 through 12, two consecutive years, closer than 15 miles, who voted to override the \$1.10 levy lid, for those people who feel they in fact cannot make a community consider their feelings as taxpayers, then I think that this creates a smaller pool and still allows for that balance of interest. Thank you very much.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members. I support the...this amendment and the 60. And in visiting with people and I think that as we realize that 50 did not impact very many school districts, and I'm not sure it was very clear when we were discussing with Senator Schrock earlier the few school districts that that would impact. And so in that discussion I think he is amenable to going to 60. And I'll just give the balance of my time to Senator Schrock.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock, you have approximately four and a half minutes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, well, in the spirit of compromise, although I must say I liked the 50 better, but I don't like the 75, so here we are, we're at 60. And it could have been 65, so I guess we had an option. But so we understand what we're doing here, I'm going to explain because there are some that aren't quite clear, I think. And I hope what I'm explaining is right. So, Senator McKenzie and Senator Bohlke, correct me, if I'm wrong. If a school district decides to exceed its levy limit and takes a vote, the property owners in that district, if they live within...if that school district attendance center is within 15 miles of another school